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TO: SAINT, AMZON (For AB/51)

FROM: SAINT

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Parish NG-43

1. Reference is made to your LMX 743 of 7/29/46 and the various Munich reports covering the GULL negotiations. We agree entirely with the attitude taken in your LMX 743 and were just on the point of writing you to that effect when your pouch came in.

2. We have several other comments to make for your consideration.

3. After having read all of the RIRs on GULL very carefully, we feel a certain amount of hesitation in trusting him too completely as far as his plans for penetration of the RTSMF is concerned. Quite obviously GULL has moved in these circles for a number of years and seems to count a number of rather doubtful characters among his friends. In RIR 227, page 2, he calls the organization "the most dependable group of Russians" but we know that the VI of the was to a considerable extent under Soviet control. It is very likely that the Soviets exercise a certain amount of control now and in all of our dealings with members or contacts of this group, we should be extremely careful so that the Russians will not find out that we are in close contact with quite a considerable number of these people. In the case of even the slightest breach of security it will be practically impossible for us to officially disassociate ourselves from the political aims of this organization. These White Russians and Ukrainians have but one aim and that is to create dissension between us and the Russians since they must be intelligent enough to know that their specific aim i.e. the independence of the Ukrain or of White Russia, is practically impossible of fulfillment.

4. With respect to your paragraph three, the BRYANSK OPERATION, we do not believe that SHULGIN mentioned in RIR 238 is identical with Tamara SHULGIN. However, LEX 156a of 1/4/46, a copy of which you have, mentioned on page two, paragraph seven, a certain Dimitri SCHOULGIN, a member of the "National League of the New Generation" who almost certainly is identical with GULL's friend.

5. Saint Born is at present in touch with a Ukrainian by the name of Rostislav CHOULGUINE who is planning an operation with the Ukrainian Partisan Army on the Soviet border which, in many respects, sounds practically identical with that described in RIR 238.

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We do not believe that SHULGIN is identical with CHOULGUINE but obviously the names are the same although differently spelled and we believe that it would be of utmost importance to investigate the tie-up between these two gentlemen who seem to have identical objectives for which they are using, in their opinion, different Allied services. Even if, by some freak of circumstance, the two SHULGINS should not know each other, or of each other's plans, which seems out of the question, any operation on your part would have to be coordinated with that of Bern because obviously the Partisan Forces inside the Soviet Union which are to be contacted by both men are the same. In any communications with Bern on this subject, the utmost security precautions should be taken. We had suggested several weeks ago that this operation be discussed between Saint Bern and AB-43 at the conference but since no mention of any such discussion was made in your LMX 743 dated 7/29/46, we thought it advisable to inform you of these possibilities.

6. In reference to paragraph four of LMX 743, we do not believe that there is a big problem involved in "prying GULL loose from the French Services" since quite obviously, he does not seem to have very intimate relations with them. In RIR 227, page three, he says that he has only a few close friends in the French Zone and in RIR 238, page two, the statement is made that his knowledge of the French IS is rather limited which is borne out by a great many weaknesses and inaccuracies in the reports made by him so far.

7. You may be interested in the following information we have on Graf LANSBORG, who seems to be GULL's best contact in the French IS. The British primer of 5/19/48, states that Graf LANSBORG was a German agent connected with Ast Angers who used the aliases DUPONT and DURAND, and was reported to have carried out a mission to the United Kingdom after the outbreak of war, posing as a Spaniard; he frequently travelled to Spain and unoccupied France, and was often seen at the office which assisted Russians emigres in the rue Galliera in Paris.

8. With reference to RIR 233, we believe that in most of the instances cited, there is not much evidence to prove the statement that these people were "Soviet agents who penetrated the Gestapo". The cases listed under 1a, c, d, are obviously only cases of collaboration, and nothing more, and the information given in the other cases is rather meager to warrant such a drastic statement as that given in the heading of the report.

9. Any number of additional instances could be given where GULL makes much too sweeping and often incorrect statements, such as for instance, to give but a few examples, the statement on page three of RIR 229 that Soviet agents easily penetrated the Gestapo, Ministry OSR and the Ministry of Propaganda; and the statement on page five of the same report to the effect that in Bavaria the Communists control all important posts in the "denazification organizations". One could go on in this vein ad infinitum; these remarks are made only to call to the attention of the case officer the extreme caution with which a man of this kind has to be handled, and his statements and promises viewed.

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Sources: RIR 227-28 5/29/46; 229 6/2/46; 232-3 7/16/46; 238 7/19/46 & 7/29/46

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